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There are two problems here. By giving Microsoft the opportunity to settle through donating software to schools, Firstly, Microsoft is further strengthening their monopoly by giving the school software that will insure further dependence on Microsoft products. The second problem is that this settlement does nothing to make reparations for the undue damage that their business practices have caused to rivals. Giving away a few thousand copies of software that will lead to new purchases of their products, is not going to level the playing field. Microsoft is an important piece of the US economy, but it shouldn't be the biggest one if it means sacrificing options to use other software from other companies.


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